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Construction DT/IT

Building toys have significant cognitive and academic benefits for children of all ages. Not only are they fun and exciting, but they help to develop a wide variety of skills and abilities. They prepare children for school, sports and life! I guess you can say that these toys are the “building blocks” for success!

Starter activity- Playdough warm up

Pushing, smashing, rolling, and pulling apart play dough all contribute to the shoulder and arm strength that supports the development of hand skills



Videos to introduce the context:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhzM4K7NbiQ>



Ideas for building and construction:

1) Building a tower

Collect some toilet roll tubes and cardboard boxes and stack them up. When the tower is finished it can be destroyed with a countdown.



2) Laundry Basket Skee Ball

It's a basic ramp that launches the balls into the air. Use shoebox and a few cereal boxes to make the ramp and a duct tape to hold the ramp in place. 1-2 laundry baskets to aim the balls in. To play the game, simply roll the balls up the ramp and launch them into the laundry baskets.



3) Fun Boats

Use paper, scissors, sponges, toothpicks/bbq sticks to make colourful boats which can be used outside.



Visuals and key signs:



build



tidy up



finish